

**Huntingdon and Godmanchester  
Borough Council**

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**of**

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**and**

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

**for**

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**HUNTINGDON AND GODMANCHESTER  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**1968**

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ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH  
for the  
BOROUGH of HUNTINGDON and GODMANCHESTER  
for the year ended 31st December, 1968

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

*Population.* During the year the population of the Borough rose by 460, a figure which is almost exactly half the increase which took place in the previous year (930).

*Birth Rate.* A slight fall in the number of births credited to the town is noted this year, bringing the Birth Rate exactly level with the national average (16.9).

*Death Rate.* Although a fractional increase in the Death Rate has occurred this year, as compared with last, the figure still remaining will be below the rate for England and Wales as a whole. 44% of deaths were caused by disease of the cardio-vascular system and 22% to malignant neoplasms.

*Infant Mortality.* Four infants died before reaching the age of 12 months giving an infant mortality rate of 12 for 1,000 live births. This figure shows a reduction on last year's figure (16) and is well below the 1968 level for England and Wales as a whole (18).

*Infectious Disease.* There were no outbreaks of serious Infectious Disease during the year. 116 notifications were received in the 12 months, 70 of them being in respect of Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Measles. Infective Jaundice became notifiable during the year and it has been fairly common particularly among the younger members of the population.

*Housing.* The improvement of dwellings with the aid of improvement grants has shown a slight rise and it is hoped that this will continue.

The Council have not declared any clearance areas this year but have dealt with several individual unfit houses.

The waiting period for family-type housing remains comparatively short—the great need at present being for dwellings for elderly persons.



*Town Expansion.* Owing to the economic situation the town expansion has slowed down somewhat and this has given some opportunity for facilities such as schools, churches, etc., to catch up with the needs of the increasing population.

*Food Hygiene.* Strict attention has once again been given to this subject and visits to food premises have been made throughout the year.

The shopkeepers have given every assistance to the department to maintain the high standard which prevails, but unfortunately the demand for a Catering Course was not sufficient to warrant a course being held at the Technical College and it is proposed to hold these courses every two years.

The problem of refuse collection from food premises in the town remains. At present only two collections are made weekly and I would strongly recommend that this service be reviewed with a view to daily collections being made to all food premises within the Borough.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to all members of the department's staff for the assistance they have given me and for all the work they have done during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

JAMES CALDWELL.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1968

Estimated mid-year population	...	...	...	...	15,220
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Live Births				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	161	145	206	
Illegitimate	...	...	12	12	24	
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	Totals	...	173	157	330	

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population ...	21.7
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.78) ...	16.9
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	16.9

Still Births			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	1	2	3
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—
			—	—	—
	Totals	...	1	2	3

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births ...	...	9
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births		
	(England & Wales)	14.0

<b>Deaths</b>	...	...	...	69	84	153	.
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	...	...	...	10.1			
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (.92)	...	...	...	9.3			
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population							
				(England & Wales)			11.9

<b>Infant Mortality</b> —Death of infants under 1 year of age :					
Legitimate	...	...	3	1	4
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—
			—	—	—
	Totals	...	3	1	4

Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live and still births) ... ..	12.1
Infant mortality rate (England & Wales) ... ..	18.0

**Table classifying deaths under age groups**

<b>Age</b>				<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Under 4 weeks ...	...	...	...	3	1	4
4 weeks and under 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—
1 and under 5 years	...	...	...	—	—	—
5 and under 15 years	...	...	...	—	—	—
15 and under 25 years	...	...	...	1	2	3
25 and under 35 years	...	...	...	—	—	—
35 and under 45 years	...	...	...	—	2	2
45 and under 55 years	...	...	...	6	6	12
55 and under 65 years	...	...	...	10	9	19
65 and under 75 years	...	...	...	19	10	29
75 years and over	...	...	...	30	54	84
Totals ...				69	84	153

The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the Borough over the past five years :—

			<b>1964</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1968</b>
<b>Population</b>	...	...	11,480	12,770	13,830	14,760	15,220
<b>Live Births</b>							
Total Live Births	...	...	305	344	361	374	330
Crude Birth Rate	...	...	26.6	26.9	26.1	25.3	21.7
Area Comparability Factor			.84	.81	.79	.78	.78
Corrected Birth Rate...			22.3	21.8	20.6	19.8	16.9
Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9
<b>Deaths</b>							
Total Deaths	...	...	142	138	163	128	153
Crude Death Rate	...	...	12.4	10.8	11.8	8.7	10.1
Area Comparability Factor			.92	.85	1.03	1.04	.92
Corrected Death Rate			11.4	9.2	12.1	9.0	9.3
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9



**Notifications of Infectious Disease during 1968**

					Total cases notified
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	64
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	16
Puerperal pyrexia	...	...	...	...	2
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	—
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—
Infective Jaundice	...	...	...	...	22
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	—
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	4
Total ...					116

**CAUSES OF DEATH**  
 (Registrar General's List)

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
B6	Other Tuberculosis, incl. late effects...	1	1
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach ...	2	4
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus	6	3
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm—Breast ...	—	3
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus ...	—	1
B19(5)	Leukaemia ...	—	1
B19(6)	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc. ...	6	7
B20	Benign and unspecified neoplasms ...	—	1
B21	Diabetes Mellitus ...	—	1
B46(3)	Mental Disorders ...	1	—
B46(4)	Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	—	2
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	1	—
B27	Hypertensive Disease ...	1	—
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	12	14
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	3	3
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease ...	8	13
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	9
B31	Influenza ...	1	—
B32	Pneumonia ...	5	4
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	6	2
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	—
B34	Peptic Ulcer ...	—	1
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver ...	—	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	1	1

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis ... ..	—	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies ... ..	1	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ...	1	—
B45	Symptoms of Ill-Defined Conditions ...	—	1
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..	2	1
BE48	All Other Accidents ... ..	2	5
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ...	—	1
BE50	All Other External Causes ... ..	—	1
Total all causes ...		69	84

### Tuberculosis

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1968 — 59

Pulmonary — 51

Non-pulmonary — 8

Age Period				New Cases—Diagnosed				New Cases—Transfers			
				Respiratory		Non-Res.		Respiratory		Non-Res.	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	...	...	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...				2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

# GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

## FOR THE AREA

### (a) Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to the Authority and to General Practitioners in the area :—

Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge  
(Tel : Cambridge 55526).

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tennyson Road, Cambridge (Tel : Cambridge 2097).

### (b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel : Huntingdon 3348)

### (c) Home Nursing

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases within the Borough.

### (d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council :—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	Every Monday 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Every Tuesday and Thursday 2—4 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesday in month 2—4 p.m.	ditto  Health Clinic, St. Annes Lane, Godmanchester
Dental	Pre-school and Schoolchildren, Pre-natal and Nursing mothers	By appointment.  By appointment.	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.



- (ii) The following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday 10—12 noon.	County H'pital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Disease	All cases	Tuesday from 2.30 p.m. Thursday from 2.30 p.m.	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Monday from 4.30 p.m. Wed. from 5.30 p.m.	Out-Patient Department, Memorial
	Females and Children	Tuesday from 10.30 a.m. Thursday from 4.30 p.m.	Hospital, Peterborough.
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	2nd and 4th Tuesday 10—12 noon. (Surgeons by appointment).	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

- (iii) The following services are provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	By appointment.	Health Clinic, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients Clinics are held at the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

#### (e) Hospital Services

**Fever.** Cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to isolation hospital at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

**General Hospital Services** are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

**Maternity Cases** are admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Unit, Huntingdon, or Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

Clinics run by the Family Planning Association are held at the Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon, every Wednesday evening 7—8 p.m. and the Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots, every Tuesday evening 7—8 p.m., and the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 9—11.30 a.m., and the Child Health Centre, Ramsey Road, St. Ives, on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 9—11.30 a.m.

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Housing

1 General

The total number of Council dwellings at 31st December, 1968, was 2,550 representing over 50% of the habitable dwellings in the Borough. A further 83 Town Expansion dwellings completed brought the total to 1,711. A block of 25 flats and 12 maisonettes over shops were under construction. The Lammas Gardens development of 41 was nearing completion with only 16 dwellings to be completed. Six bungalows were under construction in Ambury Road. The same contractor was nearly ready to commence work on the Warden Service scheme at Cromwell Square.

SUMMARY OF REHOUSING AND ALLIED MATTERS  
for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1968

All applicants still remaining on the 1968 Housing list and all applicants to apply during 1968 were invited to renew their application by 24th February, 1969.

				<i>Comparable figure</i>		
				1969	1968	1967
The total number invited to re-apply ...					172	210
Renewed Applications ... ..				107	98	121
Applications Not Renewed ... ..					75	76
Confirmed Applications received 1969 ...				25	11	13
Total Number of Applicants on New List ...				132	103	134
<i>Analysis of Applications</i>						
S—Servicemen ... ..				5	11	12
E—Local Engaged Couples ... ..				20	7	11
Z—Applications for Flats, Bungalows and small accommodation ... ..				44	39	43
G—Applications for 2/3/4 bedroom accommodation ... ..				63	46	68
				132	103	134

*Applications for Local Exchanges*

There have been fewer local exchanges of tenancy affected this year and there are 163 tenants registered as desiring a local exchange to property of a different size, design or location to that at present occupied.



## Mutual Exchanges

The following figures relate to exchanges between a tenant of this Council and tenants of other Councils or private landlords in other districts :

	1968	1967	1966
Tenants exchanged with tenants in London ...	19	11	12
Tenants exchanged tenancies with tenants in neighbouring local Authorities ...	1	4	2
Tenants exchanged with tenants Elsewhere ...	4	3	3
Applications Withdrawn ...	16	8	—
Applications Refused ...	5	4	—
Applications Under Consideration at 31st December ...	4	8	—

## Terminations

	Borough Housing.	Borough Allocation Town Expansion Housing.	GLC Allocation.	Total.
Terminations 1967 ...	35	11	87	133
Terminations 1968 ...	22	14	96	132

## Reasons for Termination 1968

(1967 figure in brackets)

	Borough Housing.	Borough Allocation Town Expansion Housing.	GLC Allocation.	Total.
Decease of Tenant or Spouse ...	2(6)	1(—)	2(3)	4(9)
Bought Property Locally ...	12(21)	5(4)	32(25)	49(50)
Bought Property Elsewhere ...	6(—)	2(—)	2(—)	10(—)
Rented other Accommodation Locally ...	7(4)	2(1)	2(4)	11(—)
Moved to London			17(15)	17(—)
Moved Elsewhere O/S Area ...	(3)	4(3)	8(15)	12(—)
Not Known ...	1(1)	2(3)	22(25)	25(—)
Emigrated ...	1(—)		3(—)	4(—)

## Allocations

Total number of New tenancies offered during the year — 482

## *Analysis of Allocations*

### (i) *Town Expansion Houses*

a. G.L.C. Nominated Tenants	<i>New</i> 137(116)	<i>Relet</i> 92(85)	<i>Total</i> 229(201)
b. Boro' Nominated Tenants	13(38)	20(29)	33(67)
c. Boro' Sponsored Key Workers	11(13)	7(2)	18(15)
(ii) Non Town Expansion Properties	5(—)	23(30)	28(30)
(iii) Transfer of tenancy to Widow, etc.			50(26)
(iv) Local Exchanges			24(20)
(v) Mutual Exchanges			

These figures include 10(18) tenants rehoused from premises subject to Slum Clearance procedure.

## **Slum Clearance**

During the year two Clearance Areas were confirmed by the Minister.

The total number of houses involved in the two areas was 14. Rehousing of the occupants of these properties will be completed during 1969.

Fifteen individual houses were also dealt with but as yet they have not been demolished.

Number of Families rehoused from unfit property ...	4
Number of Persons rehoused from unfit property ...	11
Number of Unfit Dwellings Demolished ...	4

## **Improvement Grants**

### *Discretionary Grants.*

### *Standard Grants.*

	<i>No. of Applications.</i>	<i>Dwellings.</i>	<i>Applications.</i>
Applications received ...	4	11	11
Applications approved ...	4	11	11
Projects completed 1968 ...	2	—	11

## **Houses in Multiple Occupation**

There are no houses in Multiple Occupation in the district.

## **Rent Act 1957**

There were no applications for Certificates of dis-repair.

## **Water Samples**

All piped supplies are provided by the Nene and Ouse Water Board. All dwelling houses are supplied direct.

Samples were taken at various consumer points during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Peterborough for Bacteriological examination.

<i>Samples Taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory Results</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
21	19	2

### **Sewerage and Sewage Disposal**

The Sewage Treatment Works continued to cope with the flows produced. Arrangements were made for pumping sludge on to farmland adjacent to the Treatment Works. This proved to be a successful venture to both the Council and the farmer.

There was no necessity for a Night Soil collection service. Cesspits were emptied by a Contractor at the Council's expense.

### **Refuse Disposal and Collection**

The Borough Surveyor is responsible for refuse collection and disposal. A weekly collection is made to all houses in the district and is disposed of at Buckden refuse tip situated in the Huntingdon Rural District.

During the year two complaints were investigated regarding the tipping of domestic refuse on waste land. In both cases the persons responsible were traced and after interviewing the rubbish was removed.

The practice of collecting refuse from Food premises in the town twice weekly continues, but it is essential for a daily collection to be made to all large establishments.

### **Rivers and Streams**

Once again there were a large number of visitors using the river for fishing, boating and bathing with no apparent ill effects to bathers.

### **Swimming Pools**

The Council's Swimming Pool continues to run satisfactorily and there were no complaints received about the conditions. Two Schools have their own training pools.

### **Pest Control**

The Council employ a full-time operator and also have a member of the Maintenance Staff who has been trained and acts as a stand-by during absence of the full-time operator.

### **Infestations**

There was a decrease in the number of premises requiring disinfestation. Two premises were infested with bed bugs and two premises were infested with fleas.

The treatment of wasps is not undertaken by the Council but advice is given where necessary.



## **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960**

The following sites were licensed at the end of 1968 :—

1. Anchor Cottage — 15 Caravans and 20 tents/vans during the Summer.
2. Deep Meadow — 22 Caravans.
3. Knighton's — 7 Caravans.

All three sites comply with the Model Byelaws and are run in a very satisfactory manner by the Operators. There are a number of individual sites licensed in addition to a number of caravans on exempted sites.

The Mobile Caravan dweller has not yet been adequately catered for in this area. Consideration of this matter is now highly desirable.

## **Clean Air Act**

There were two applications for prior approval. The Council equip all new properties with appliances capable of burning smokeless fuel.

The Council have not considered making the new areas of the town a Smoke Controlled area.

## **Agricultural (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956**

Farms have not been visited specifically for the purpose of this Act. During inspections of farms for other purposes it is implemented.

## **Licensing Act, 1961**

There were no new premises referred to the department but several inspections were carried out to existing premises.

## **Pet Animals Act, 1951**

Two premises are registered for the sale of pets. One property has changed hands and requires additional facilities.

## **Noise Abatement Act, 1960**

One complaint was received regarding noise from an adjoining factory. Investigations were made but no action was considered necessary.

Ice cream salesmen were once again warned for Sounding Chimes after 7 p.m.

### **Rag Flock and Other Filling Material's Act, 1951**

One factory is registered under this Act.

### **Shops Act, 1950**

No action has been taken under this Act. A number of enquiries regarding opening hours and half days Closing were received.

### **Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960**

Regular routine visits have been made to all food premises but it has not been necessary to take any formal action against any owner or employee.

It is pleasing to note that during the year food traders sought the help of the department in respect of improvement and also other major and minor items of food hygiene. Most of the Commercial Catering establishments in the town have modernised their premises within the past year or two.

### **Factories Act, 1961**

Routine inspections have been carried out but no formal action was necessary. See table following for Summary of Inspections.

### **Petroleum Acts and Regulations**

All premises were visited during the year. There are 46 premises licensed for the storage of petroleum and/or petroleum mixtures and 1 for calcium carbide.

## **INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES**

### **(a) Ice Cream**

There are no Ice Cream Manufacturers in the town. Four premises were registered for the sale of ice cream, making a total of 41 premises.

Regular inspections of ice cream salesmen's vehicles were made and it was only necessary to take informal action against one owner.

14 samples were purchased and tested under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. These were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory who gave the following results:—

Grade 1	...	13
Grade 2	...	1



**(b) Slaughter Houses**

There are no slaughter houses operating in the Borough. Arrangements have been made for local butchers to use the St. Ives Abattoir for slaughtering.

**(c) Bakehouses**

There are two bakehouses operating. Plans submitted during 1967 for the alteration of one of the bakehouses was approved and work was started but as yet is not complete.

**(d) Food Premises**

In addition to the usual food premises, such as Shops, Supermarkets, Hotels, etc., there is also a small factory manufacturing meat pies and other cooked meat products. Regular visits are made to these premises and there has been no cause for concern during the year.

The large factory processing dried vegetables has closed.

**(e) Food Inspection**

There were four complaints which were investigated after complaints by the public. These were :—

- (a) Sour Sausages
- (b) Mouldy Chicken and Ham Pie
- (c) Mouldy Beef and Steak Pie
- (d) Unfit pre-packed Bacon

A successful prosecution was taken against the owner of a small supermarket for selling a Mouldy Beef and Steak Pie. Fined 20 gns. with 8 gns. costs.

**Unfit Foods**

Cooked Meat and Meat Products ...	58 lbs.
Canned Meats ... ..	2 cwt. 12 lbs.
Fish ... ..	1 cwt. 3 lbs.
Fruit and Vegetables ... ..	6 cwt. 13 lbs.
Others ... ..	2 cwt. 4 lbs.

Frozen Food to the value of £316 14s. 9d.

All of this food was offered for voluntary surrender by the retailers.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	17
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	49
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	60
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	34
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	8
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	213
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	17
Ice Cream Samples	...	...	...	...	...	14
Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—
Making-up Premises	...	...	...	...	...	48
Market	...	...	...	...	...	17
Mobile Shops	...	...	...	...	...	29
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	31
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	19
Places of Public Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	9
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	17
Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	118
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	46
Improvement Grant	...	...	...	...	...	39
Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	42
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	47
O.S.R.	...	...	...	...	...	262
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	...	21
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	60

### (c) Factories Act, 1961

	No. on Register	Inspections	Prose- Notices	utions
(i) Factories in which section 1 2 3 4 & 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	1	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	85	14	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	7	7	Nil	Nil
Cases in which defects were found	Found	Remedied		
Section 7, Sanitary conveniences in- sufficient	Nil	Nil		

### (d) Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Number of properties inspected as a result of notification	...	125
Number of properties inspected by survey under the Act	...	786
Number of properties inspected primarily for other purposes (approx.)	...	1576
Number of properties inspected infested with rats	...	258
Number of properties inspected infested with mice	...	59
Number of properties treated by Local Authority	...	307

**Table A**

Registrations  
and General  
Inspections

**(d) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963**

(1) Class of premises TOTALS	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices ... ..	—	55	7
Retail Shops ... ..	2	57	12
Wholesale shops, warehouses ... ..	—	5	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ... ..	—	5	2
Fuel storage depots ... ..	—	—	—

**Table B** Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises = = 262.

**Table C**

Analysis of Persons  
employed in  
registered premises  
by workplace.

(1) Class of workplace	(2) Number of persons employed		
	M	F	Total
Offices ... ..	110	209	319
Retail shops ... ..	164	229	393
Wholesale departments, ware- houses ... ..	62	3	65
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ... ..	30	38	68
Fuel storage depots ... ..	—	—	—
Total ... ..	...	...	845
Total Males ... ..	...	...	366
Total Females ... ..	...	...	479



**Table D**

Exemptions :	Part i	Space	= Nil
	Part ii	Temperature	= Nil
	Part iii	Sanitary Conveniences	= Nil
	Part vi	Washing Facilities	= Nil

**Table E**

Prosecutions	Nil
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**Table F**

No. of inspectors appointed under section 52 (1) of the Act	= 2
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Statistics of Accidents reported to enforcing Authority : —	
1st Quarter	— Nil
2nd Quarter	— 2
3rd Quarter	— 1
4th Quarter	— Nil

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**GENERAL**

This has been a successful year from the Public Health viewpoint. Some progress has been made on most fronts.

The only disappointing feature was the lack of interest in the proposed Royal Society of Health Course for the Certificate in Hygiene of Food Retailing & Catering which was to have been held at Huntingdon Technical College. A prominent member of the Chamber of Trade was quoted in the local press as considering that there was no longer any need for such courses among the staff of food premises as local officials inspected the premises regularly. It would appear that the lack of understanding of the need for such courses stems from the public's faith in its Public Health Inspectors. This is at least a consoling thought.

The Housing situation presents problems mainly owing to the delay of incoming industry and a large number of vacant houses. The Ministry of Defence leased 50 dwellings for a temporary period and the Council took some of its quota for local needs in advance. It proved very difficult explaining to waiting applicants and others that so many dwellings must remain empty to provide a stock of houses available to satisfy the Council's obligations to industry expected in the town prior to the completion of the future building programme.

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